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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) ([doh.wa.gov](#)). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Asotin County**

In January 2014 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Yvonne D. Boyd** (RN00171460). She didn't follow several terms of a previous agreed order.

### **Clark County**

In October 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Sara L. Carman** (NA60269002) for three years. While working at an assisted living facility, Carman didn't properly document the administration of patients' oxycodone, diverted the medication, or gave too much medication to patients.

In December 2013 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Brian Carl Schwab** (CO60361131). He withdrew from a mandatory drug monitoring program.

In January 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Samantha Meredith Horner** (NA60259160) for two years. Horner physically abused a vulnerable adult.

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### **Grays Harbor County**

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Darcy Jean Cleverly** (LP00057779) for two years. She didn't participate in a required drug and alcohol monitoring program.

### **King County**

In October 2013 the secretary of health placed registered nurse **Bangyad A. Lawagan** (RN00173804) on probation for one year. Lawagan became involved in a romantic relationship with a patient. The Nursing Commission referred this case to the secretary for investigation.

In October 2013 the secretary of health issued a permanent cease and desist order to **Li Liu**, who gave a full body massage to a client without a credential to practice as a massage practitioner.

In October 2013 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dentist **Paul S. Rotwein** (DE00007883). His license in Pennsylvania was revoked for not reporting a disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

In November 2013 the Board of Naturopathy suspended the credential of naturopathic physician **Scott D. Rose** (NT00001154) for four months. Rose gave medical marijuana authorizations to seven patients without adequate physical exams and didn't establish a treatment plan for patients.

In November 2013 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of home care aide **Nicole L. Norman** (HM60350079). She didn't fulfill the terms of her drug and alcohol monitoring contract.

In January 2014 the secretary of health issued a cease and desist order to **Bill Chin**. He performed a massage on a patient without the proper credential.

### **Kitsap County**

In November 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Akilah Rae Ross** (NA60242124) for two years. Ross was convicted of driving while intoxicated and minor in possession in Bremerton Municipal Court.

### **Lincoln County**

In October 2013 the Pharmacy Commission suspended the credential of pharmacy technician **Jackalyn H. Winslow** (VA00068513) for five years. She was convicted of first-degree theft and delivery of a controlled substance in Benton County Superior Court.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2013 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of dental assistant **Karin Crelling** (D160052307) for one year. Crelling stole about \$4,500 in cash from her employer while working as a general office assistant.

In November 2013 the secretary of health accepted the surrendered credential of registered nursing assistant **Robin G. Brandon** (NA00116597), who financially exploited a vulnerable adult.

In November 2013 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Sonda Jeanne Swanberg** (NA60269879). She failed to comply with the terms of a previous agreement.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission placed licensed practical nurse **Karen A. Perez** (LP00026533) on probation for one year. Perez didn't properly update patients' charts while employed at a nursing home.

In October 2013 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of home care aide **Michael David Burdick** (HM60334735). He failed to comply with the terms of his drug and alcohol monitoring contract.

In January 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Julie Francine Rabe** (RN60241953). She failed to meet the standard of care and to comply with rules related to charting and administering patient medication.

In January 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Leslie A. Tecumseh** (RN00167817). She diverted promethazine for about seven months for her personal use while working at Monroe Correctional Complex.

In January 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Shelley Rae Hawkins** (NC10004497) for five years. Hawkins diverted a patient's medication for personal use and financially exploited a vulnerable adult while working at an adult home. She was also convicted of soliciting possession of a controlled substance.

### **Spokane County**

In October 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Tiffani Rae Lee** (RN60066997). She failed to document administration or wastage of medication that she withdrew for patients.

In December 2013 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of chemical dependency professional trainee **Andrew Alfred Riddle** (CO60209849). He failed to comply with an agreement allowing him to practice. He didn't enroll in a drug monitoring program.

In January 2014 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of registered nurse **Timothy J. Anderson** (RN00136211) for at least two years. On at least 48 different occasions, Anderson didn't document the administration of narcotic medication, and/or failed to document the wastage of narcotic medication for five patients.

In January 2014 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Cory Lane Bromley** (NA60252015) for five years. Bromley was convicted on two counts of third-degree assault related to a Benton County case.

In January 2014 the Medical Commission revoked the credential of physician and surgeon **Pushpa S. Ram** (MD00023159). Ram doesn't have the cognitive or physical skills to safely practice medicine anymore.

### **Thurston County**

In November 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of mental health counselor **Herbert R. Warner** (LH00008620) for three years. Warner's license was revoked in Arizona for lying about having a gun at his practice and not notifying the state board about his criminal charges.

### **Out of State**

**Alaska:** In October 2013 the Board of Physical Therapy suspended the credential of physical therapy assistant **Seanna Elizabeth Bryson** (P160040949) for two years. Bryson did not comply with the terms agreement allowing her to practice. She didn't comply with a required drug and alcohol monitoring contract.

**California:** In November 2013 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of massage practitioner **Vina Sayavanh** (MA60222772). Sayavanh was the owner and/or operator of Gentle Care Wellness Center and had unlicensed practitioners giving massages to clients.

**Indiana:** In January 2014 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Tiffany M. McCloud** (LP00057546). Her Indiana license was indefinitely suspended by the Indiana State Board of Nursing for not complying with the state's nurse assistance program.

**Nevada:** In October 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Edgardo Ocampo Tanedo** (RN00115556). He didn't comply with an agreement requiring substance abuse monitoring.

**New Mexico:** In November 2013 the Nursing Commission placed the credentials of registered nurse and advanced registered nurse **Vicki Dawne Ward** (RN60267891 and AP60267892) on probation for two years. Ward moved to WA from Massachusetts and didn't register her new location as is required by Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) regulation. She prescribed Oxycodone and self-prescribed Phentermine using her Massachusetts DEA registration.

**Oregon:** In October 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Louis J. Schippers** (RN00068890). Schippers' Oregon registered nurse license was suspended based on his failure to promptly assist, and assess a patient who had fallen. He also failed to document the fall, and update the patient's care plan.

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